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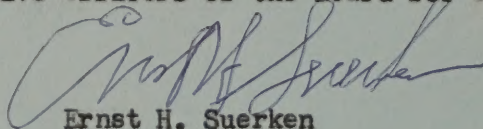
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E.m. Dr. Archibald Stewart
Miss Leslie H. Correal
Grant - Harvey Antone

December 12, 1961

This is to request \$504 from the Fund set aside by the Executive Officers for emergencies arising out of the closing of Haines House and Tucson. This covers room and board for Harvey Antone in Tucson while attending the Pueblo High School there. Harvey Antone is a former student at Tucson Indian Training School and boards at the home of Mrs. Rosaria Vavages .

The requested grant covers a thirty-six week period or room and board for the school year at \$14 per week. We would appreciate having the check sent to us.

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Rev. Roe B. Lewis

December 21, 1961

Dr. Ernst H. Suerken

Arizona

Harvey Antone's living expenses

Attached please find a check for \$504.00 covering Harvey Antone's living expenses in the home of Mrs. Rosaria Vavages for the 1961-62 school year. We requested that the check be made out to you, but unfortunately, the Treasury made it out to Harvey Antone who will have to endorse it over to Mrs. Vavages. To return the check to the Treasury for re-writing would only cause additional delay and undue concern on the part of Mrs. Vavages as to when she was going to be paid. While the cancelled check itself will be a receipt and evidence of payment, I thought it would be well to have Mrs. Vavages give you an additional receipt for our records since the cancelled checks are held by the Treasury.

Thank you for your cooperation in taking care of this matter.

Ernst H. Suerken

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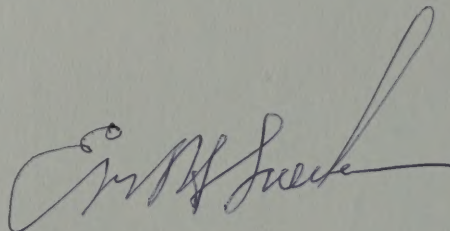
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Dr. Milton Brown, Miss Leslie H. Correal
FROM Dr. Ernst H. Suerken
RE:

DATE January 31, 1962

The Rev. Roe B. Lewis, our Indian Field Counselor stationed in Phoenix, Arizona, called me yesterday to say that there is a need to provide \$280 for Gilbert Antone's board and room in the home of Mrs. Rosaria Vavages while attending Pueblo High School in Tucson. You will recall that recently we provided for Harvey Antone for the same purpose which will carry him through to the end of the school year. Mr. Lewis had hoped that Mrs. deAutremont, a wealthy lady in Tucson who was interested in Indian youth, would provide for Gilbert Antone and defray his second semester expenses. Apparently Mrs. deAutremont decided against this since the money is now needed to pay Mrs. Vavages. Gilbert is a former Indian training school student who is continuing to pursue his high school career at Pueblo High School under our auspices. Consequently, he is entitled to financial assistance from the fund set up for the discretionary use of the Executive Officers following the closing of Haines House and the Tucson Indian Training School. I would appreciate having a check of \$280 requested from this fund and made available that we may send it to Mr. Lewis for the purpose indicated.



Ernst H. Suerken

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Dr. Archibald Stewart

Leslie H. Correal

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February 5, 1962

Funds for emergencies arising out of the
closing of Haines and Tucson

In 1961 funds were ear-marked from the Executive Officers' Discretionary Fund for emergencies arising out of the closing of Tucson and Haines House. Since this was a 1961 budget item, we were advised that salvage in the fund was used for other purposes at the close of the year.

We have a request for \$280 for board and room for Gilbert Antone, who is attending Pueblo High School in Tucson. It was hoped that a Mrs. deAutremont, a wealthy lady in Tucson, who was interested in Indian youth, would provide for Gilbert Antone and defray his second semester expenses. Apparently, Mrs. deAutremont decided against this since money is now being requested through the Reverend Roe B. Lewis, our Indian Field Counselor in Phoenix, Arizona, for board and room for Gilbert Antone.

Gilbert is a former Tucson Indian Training School student who is continuing to pursue his high school career at Pueblo High School and therefore is entitled to financial assistance. This, therefore, is to request \$280 from the Executive Officers' Fund to meet this request. This check should be made out in the name of Reverend Roe B. Lewis, who in turn will pay Mrs. Rosaria Vavages and receive a receipt for the payment.

It might be well to point out at this time that we will need additional funds for the senior year, approximately \$560, to cover room and board.

Leslie H. Correal

LHC:tc

Dr. Suerken
Miss Correal
Funds for Emergencies Arising Out Of
The Closing of Haines and Tucson

February 20, 1962
(Dictated February 19)

As I indicated to you the other day, the question of funds for Gilbert Antone was to be discussed in the meeting of the Executive Officers today. Dr. Stewart stopped in this morning to point out that the original funds for this purpose were approved for one year only. In all probability, approval will be given for the \$280 which we have requested for Gilbert Antone, plus the \$560 needed for his senior year. However, Dr. Stewart indicated that this would be the final grant.

Leslie H. Correal

LHC:tc

Gilbert Antone

Check rec.
& given to Dr. Suerken
Roe Lewis

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE
Division of Health, Education and Welfare
Board of National Missions

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TO: Dr. E. H. Suerken

DATE: September 5, 1962

FROM: Mr. R. B. Lewis

STATION: New York

SUBJECT: Harvey Antone

Harvey Antone, who received financial aid from the department last school term, will again attend Pueblo High School this coming school year (1962-1963) and will need assistance from the Educational Counseling Service for his room and board at Tucson, Arizona. This will be for \$14.00 a week for 20 weeks.

I did not make earlier arrangements for because Mrs. H. H. D'Autremont had tentatively indicated she would sponsor Harvey with financial aid for his room and board and some clothing.

In another week Pueblo High School will open and Mrs. D'Autremont is still on her vacation.

I therefore request \$280.00 for Harvey Antone.

sent As soon as Mrs. D'Autremont returns home I will contact her.

Sincerely,

Roe B. Lewis

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DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE
Department of Educational and Medical Work
Board of National Missions

TO: Dr. E.H. Suerken

DATE: December 17, 1962

FROM: Roe B. Lewis

STATION: New York

SUBJECT: Check

Enclosed is the uncashed check for \$280.00 which was for the living expenses of Harvey Antone who is attending Pueblo High School at Tucson, Arizona and living with Mrs. Rosaria Vavages.

I have kept the check because there was a little misunderstanding in the arrangements and there was some possibilities that Harvey would again need our assistance.

Things are settled so that Harvey is assured of his living expenses by Mrs. D'Autremont until May, 1963.

Roe B. Lewis

RBL:sl

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The Treasury
Dr. Ernst H. Suerken
Returned check - Harvey Antone

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December 19, 1962

The Reverend Roe B. Lewis, our Field Counselor for Indian Work, has returned the attached check for \$280 originally requested for the living expenses of Harvey Antone while attending Pueblo High School in Tucson, Arizona. The original request was made because there was a real question as to whether or not Mrs. D'Autremont would finance Harvey in 1962-63. This has now been settled and Harvey is assured of her financial support during the current school year. Please credit the proceeds of this check to CR-6 LH : Contingency Fund.

Ernst H. Suerken

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Att. - Chk. # A-14878

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General Department of Health, Education and Welfare

November 10, 1967

The Reverend Robert T. McDill
First Presbyterian Church
210 North Fourth Street
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

Dear Mr. McDill:

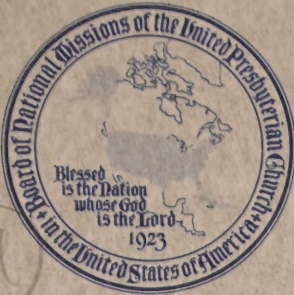
I refer to your 13 October letter to Dr. Kenneth
G. Neigh regarding Haines House.

I believe that Dr. Earl Jackman in response to
your inquiry may have adequately answered your questions.
However, if you have further questions please let me know.
I shall be glad to be of assistance to you in any way possi-
ble.

Sincerely,

Robert Barrie
Executive Secretary

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027

TELEPHONE: 870 - 2200

October 30, 1967

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Rev. Robert T. McDill
First Presbyterian Church
210 North Fourth Street
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

Dear Mr. McDill:

Since my name was on your letter to Dr. Neigh, he has sent me a copy of your letter and a copy of his reply to me about your inquiry concerning Haines House. There is a bit of history regarding this which probably should come from me while the answers concerning program might come from other people on the staff.

The simple facts are that this land was a grant to the Board of National Missions from the federal government (not from the Indians) as a place of service in behalf of the Indian people. When we began our work there, there were five small Indian villages which often were engaged in inter-village wars so that it was not possible for our missionary work to be located in any one of those villages. Also the present site of Haines was a more appropriate place for contact with the outside world. The Indians came to the mission for various things and services which the mission could supply and later they came to locate at the present site. The village of Haines was named for Mrs. Haines, who was the Executive Secretary of the old Woman's Board of Homes Missions.

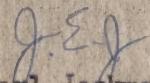
During the intervening years the property has been used for the service of the Indian people, and the Presbyterian Church has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in that service. A mission church and service center was developed there. Then came the hospital. The hospital part of the service was abandoned when the Army Hospital and Army physician was permitted to offer service to the local people. Our buildings then became a home for child care because there was a definite need for this ministry. In connection with this, our actual land was used as a farm on which was raised the meat and vegetables which were used to nourish the children.

When the territory and now the State of Alaska developed their child welfare department, there came to be a shift from institutional homes for children to the foster home plan of placing these children in private homes for a homelife experience. Before the Board closed Haines House, a study team was sent to Alaska to try to determine where the future emphasis should lie for the care of children. Visits were made to Haines and to public and private agencies which were concerned. The vast majority of attitude and recommendation was to close Haines House as an institution for prolonged care. This the Board proceeded to do.

October 30, 1967

Since there was no longer any use for the land for farming purposes for the support of Haines House, the Board had it divided up into streets and lots and it is up for sale. Attractive land overlooking Portage Cove has been reserved for the site of a new church and this project has been included in the capital needs of the Fifty Million Fund. The right of way for streets has been given to the town of Haines. The money from the sale of lots comes to the Board. The Board continues to subsidize the work in southeastern Alaska for native people at Haines and other villages as well as the school in Sitka. We hope this bit of historical review and a little depth of thought in relation to it will help us all to realize that the Board of National Missions does not want this for itself but is the agent of the General Assembly in providing a Christian ministry to meet the needs of people where they are. All available resources are used for this purpose.

Sincerely,


J. Earl Jackman
Special Assistant to
the General Secretary

JEJ:GL

cc: Dr. Kenneth G. Neigh
Mr. Robert Barrie
Mr. Denny Acrea

October 27, 1967

Rev. Robert T. McDill
First Presbyterian Church
210 North Fourth Street
Missouri Valley, Iowa 51555

Dear Mr. McDill:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 13 requesting information about Haines House. In order that you and Mr. Acrea may have substantive information about this, I am referring it to Mr. Robert Barrie, Executive Secretary of the General Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I am sure that you will be hearing from him in the very near future.

An action which discontinues the work in any area of mission is made only after intensive investigation and evaluation. For many years, the Board has had the policy of working in areas where services cannot be provided from any other source of funds or expertise. However, when evidence is presented that this work could be discontinued or, in the judgment of those most directly connected with it, it ought to be discontinued, the Board moves on to other enterprises of need. The change of our total mission work in Alaska was effected several years ago and had direct bearing on the mission of Haines House. I am sure that Mr. Barrie will be able to provide you with more specific information about this phase of our work.

Thanks for your kindness in writing.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Neigh
General Secretary

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cc: Mr. Denny Acrea
Mr. Robert Barrie ✓
Dr. J. Earl Jackman

R. Barrie

First Presbyterian Church

MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA

REV. ROBERT T. MCDILL, MINISTER
210 NORTH 4TH STREET
MISSOURI VALLEY, IOWA 51555

CALIFORNIA, IOWA

October 13, 1967

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OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY

The Reverend Mr. Kenneth G. Neigh, General Secretary
The Reverend Mr. J. Earl Jackman, Special Assistant
The National Mission Staff of the
United Presbyterian Church, in the United States of America
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York - 10027

Dear Sirs,

A couple years ago, a group of young people from the Presbytery of South West Iowa made a special "Mission-Study Tour" trip to Alaska. During this trip they visited Haines House. It disturbed our young people that this "home" was closed down, when there was an apparent need in the area. Now a report has come to one of the members of the "caravan" that the property of Haines House is being sold, when it had been an original gift from the Indians. This was disturbing to our caravaner who felt that if the property was originally a gift - why should the church benefit from the sale of property, leaving the Indians without the income from the property.

I too have become concerned about the history and the thinking of our Board of National Missions concerning this phase of our Church's work. I would, along with Denny Acrea our caravaner, like to know more about the situation. Please inform.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely in His Service,

Bob
Rev. Robert T. McDill

cc: Mr. Denny Acrea
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Missouri Valley
Iowa - 51555